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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIAL DISCUSSES ENERGY

1. IN THE COURSE OF HIS CURRENT VISIT TO THE US, SOVIET
DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OSIPOV AT HIS REQUEST MET
WITH FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE DIRECTOR SIMON. DISCUSSION
INCLUDED A REVIEW OF THE GENERAL ENERGY SITUATION, ENERGY
PROGRAMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND TRENDS IN THE INTER-
NATIONAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION. OSIPOV EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN CURRENT PRICE TRENDS, AND CONCERN THAT NEGO-
TIATIONS BETWEEN CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES MIGHT
SERVE TO FIX PRICES.

2. AT OSIPOV'S REQUEST, SIMON REVIEWED THE WORK OF THE
RECENT WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS CURRENT
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US THINKING WITH REGARD TO THE NEED FOR GREATER SELF-
SUFFICIENCY IN ENERGY RESOURCES (I.E., PROJECT INDEPENDENCE)

SIMON TOLD OSIPOV THAT ISSUE OF PRICES AS SUCH WAS NOT
DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, THOUGH PRICE RISE SINCE
DECEMBER OBVIOUSLY WAS OF GREAT INTEREST.

3. FOREGOING FOR BACKGROUND OF ADDRESSEES IF QUESTION OF
US-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY SHOULD ARISE.
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